

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

“Supra Ultraque”



2018

ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The Stafford Township Police Department is comprised of 82 Employees with 51 being sworn officers. Our community is home to 28,844 residents and 1,252 registered businesses. We are proud to provide a wide range of services to our residents, businesses and visitors alike and endeavor to provide timely, relevant and cost effective programs to the community.

One such initiative, is our partnership with the Southern Regional School District that places retired police officers in all school buildings to provide an added layer of security to students. Discussions about the program began early in late 2017, and intensified shortly after the tragic school shootings at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. The retired police officers are employed by the police department as Class III Special Police Officers and randomly patrol the Southern Regional School campus. The Class III officers recently completed their first year at Southern Regional and by all accounts, the program is successful in providing an added layer of security for students and faculty.

I would like to remind all residents to visit the police department website at www.staffordpolice.org where you can view an array of services that we provide to the community. While you are there, I would strongly encourage you to register your cell phone for our Code Red community notification system. This system will send a text alert or call your cell phone from your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include; evacuation notices, road hazard information and missing person reports. Cell phone numbers are not automatically included in our database so you will only receive notification to your cell phone if you register your number.

As Chief of Police, I am extremely proud of the sworn and civilian members of our department. Their commitment and dedication to service are second to none. I remain committed to leading what I consider the finest law enforcement agency in the state as we continue to address the needs of the future.

Thomas J. Dellane
Chief of Police



STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COMMAND STAFF



Chief Thomas J. Dellane



Captain Herman O. Pharo



Lieutenant James Vaughn



Lieutenant Jeffrey Ross



Lieutenant Allen Halliday

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION

It is the mission of the Stafford Township Police Department, a local law enforcement agency in southern Ocean County to protect and serve the public, residents, and visitors alike. In addition to providing general police protection, the Stafford Township Police Department is committed to excellence, respect for persons, and service.

VISION

Using the mission statement, character, and values as our guide, the Stafford Township Police Department will employ our collective technical, economic, and human resources to be the most progressive and effective police department in the State of New Jersey. Our focus will include the expansion and integration of appropriate services designed to meet the needs of a changing society. In addition, we will develop and collaborate in new and integrated services designed to meet the special needs of the community.

VALUES

- **Excellence** – We remain committed to measuring and achieving the highest possible levels of performance while adhering to our moto SUPRA ULTRAQUE “*above and beyond*”.
- **Respect for Persons** – We treat each individual with respect and dignity and every effort is made to uphold and protect the individual and the public’s rights and freedoms.
- **Service** – We strive to provide personalized and caring services to the public every day.
- **Efficiency** – We commit our limited resources prudently in order that we can continue to make investments in our people, police headquarters equipment, and future growth.
- **Teamwork** – As a family of dedicated sworn police officers and civilian employees, we work together to foster teamwork, creativity, individual growth, and expertise.
- **Integrity** – We keep and protect confidential information as part of our commitment to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

NEW HIRES



Ptl. John Reed, Ptl. Zach Wiatrowski, & Ptl. Joe Niccoli pictured here with Chief Dellane at their swearing in ceremony

S/O Andrew Moslowitz



Dispatcher Taylor Myers



Dispatcher Katie Emme



RETIREMENTS

Police Clerk Sandy Crapanzano

Police Clerk Linda Speck

STAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2018 SERVICE AWARDS

Police Officer of the Year:

Awarded to an officer who demonstrates a quality work ethic, high degree of professionalism, motivation, dedication, and integrity thus enhancing the police image and who distinguishes themselves within the law enforcement community.



(Patrolman Michael Wade)



(Patrolman Ed Kunder)

Rick Drappi Award:

Presented to a police officer who has shown unselfish dedication, pride, and concern for others. The award is named in honor of Patrolman Henry (Rick) Drappi who lost his life in a motor vehicle accident in 1978.

Life Saving Award:

Presented to sworn and/or non-sworn individuals for performing an act, through prompt and decisive action, under extraordinary circumstances, that saves or significantly prolongs the life of another.

- ♦ *MPO Allen Jillson*
- ♦ *MPO Edward Kunder*
- ♦ *MPO Keith Oler*
- ♦ *Dispatcher Lisa Vitale*

Police Excellence Award:

Presented to employees who demonstrate valuable police service or accomplishment demonstrating special initiative, faithfulness, perseverance, skill, or capability.

Sgt. David Johnson

Det. Drew Smith

MPO Edward Kunder

Sgt. Robert Conforti

Command Citation:

Dispatcher Dan Rooney

Medal of Good Conduct:

Presented to employees that have unblemished police service. These medals are awarded incrementally for consecutive five-year periods without a serious disciplinary infraction.

Officer	Years of Unblemished Service
CG Mary Ann Beron	30 Years
Capt. Herman Pharo	20 Years
St. Robert Conforti	20 Years
Clerk Denise DiGiovanni	20 Years
MPO James Sutter	15 Years
Det. Levi McVey	15 Years
Ptl. Robert Woodring	15 Years
Sgt. Neil McKenna	10 Years
Ptl. Marisa Lawrence	10 Years
MPO Chris Smith	10 Years
Dispatcher Tina Mastrandrea	10 Years
Ptl. Gio DeMarco	5 Years
Ptl. Marc Potter	5 Years
Ptl. Michael Wade	5 Years
Ptl. Adam Sherer	5 Years
Ptl. Donald Haines	5 Years
Ptl. Jacob Conner	5 Years
Ptl. Robert MacFarlane	5 Years
Det. Marc Povlosky	5 Years

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division encompasses the majority of the sworn personnel employed by the Stafford Township Police Department. These officers are the first responders to all emergencies and calls for service. Additionally, they conduct initial investigations into all criminal activity, provide patrol services that address quality of life issues, handle traffic-related activities including selective enforcement, and security checks of commercial and residential properties. The Patrol Division uses vehicle stops proactively, conducting numerous vehicle contacts for motorist safety, suspicious circumstances, and traffic violations. These stops led to warnings, citations, arrests, seizures of illegal drugs, recovery of stolen property, interruption of crimes, and apprehension of wanted individuals. Every traffic stop increases the Patrol Division's visibility and serves to deter aggressive driving and criminal activity. When the citizens of Stafford Township require assistance, the Patrol Divisions remains focused on service with compassion, integrity, and professionalism.

The Patrol Division is headed by a Lieutenant who oversees all patrol officers, the traffic unit, and the K-9 unit.

Patrol Statistics:

Patrol	2018
Calls for service	29,978
Traffic Stops	12,649
Motor Vehicle Summonses	3,993
Arrests	727
DWI Arrests	52



K-9 UNIT

The Stafford Township Police Department K-9 unit consists of two K-9 teams.

- ◆ Patrolman Christopher Smith and K-9 Ollie, an 8-year-old Belgian Malinois.
- ◆ Patrolman Donald Haines and K-9 Raven, a 4-year-old Dutch Shepherd

Our K-9 teams are primarily responsible for assisting the patrol unit with narcotics searches, tracking suspects who commit criminal acts and locating missing persons. Additionally, our K-9 teams actively train with and support the Ocean County Regional Swat Team during the execution of search warrants.

K-9 Ollie competed in a USPCA National Narcotics Detection trial where he earned 193 points out of 200. In that trial, he also earned a 2nd place national team award.

K-9 Ollie competed and certified in a United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) regional patrol dog competition.

K-9 Raven competed and certified in a United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) regional patrol dog competition.



Notable finds:

K-9 Ollie indicated to the presence of narcotic odor during a motor vehicle stop. K-9 Ollie located a large quantity of heroin and syringes, hidden inside a vehicle's roof liner. That driver was charged with heroin possession.

K-9 Raven indicated to the presence of narcotic odor from a vehicle during a motor vehicle stop. During a search of that vehicle, a large quantity of Methamphetamine was located, resulting in the arrest of the driver and passengers of the vehicle.

K-9 Raven helped track and locate an autistic juvenile that left his residence. After an extensive search, the juvenile was located and safely returned home.

Throughout the year, the K-9 unit actively promotes community policing. They provide K-9 demonstrations for DARE, Citizen's Police Academy, Youth Police Academy, National Night Out, and many other community events.

K9 Ollie

Year	2017	2018
K-9 Activity Reports	6	17 (183% increase)
Used on calls	Not Documented	34

K9 Raven

Year	2017	2018
K-9 Activity Reports	8	11 (37% increase)
Used on Calls	Not Documented	30

TRAFFIC UNIT



Introduction

The following is a compilation of activities and services of the Traffic Safety Unit for the calendar year of 2018. This report will involve a detailed comparison regarding motor vehicle crashes and various factors for 2018 in comparison with the prior three years.

Members

The Traffic Unit presently is assigned one primary Officer and one backup officer. The primary officer manages the daily operation of the Unit and is the primary investigator for collisions. The backup officer assists when necessary with most functions of the Unit.

Master Police Officer Justin Pascale is assigned as the primary Traffic Safety Officer. He has been assigned the Traffic Safety Unit since 2006. He has extensive training in the field of crash investigation, work zone safety and traffic engineering. He is a member of the Ocean County Fatal Accident Support Team and has offered testimony in numerous civil depositions. Recently, the title of Traffic Safety Specialist was awarded based on his experience and training.

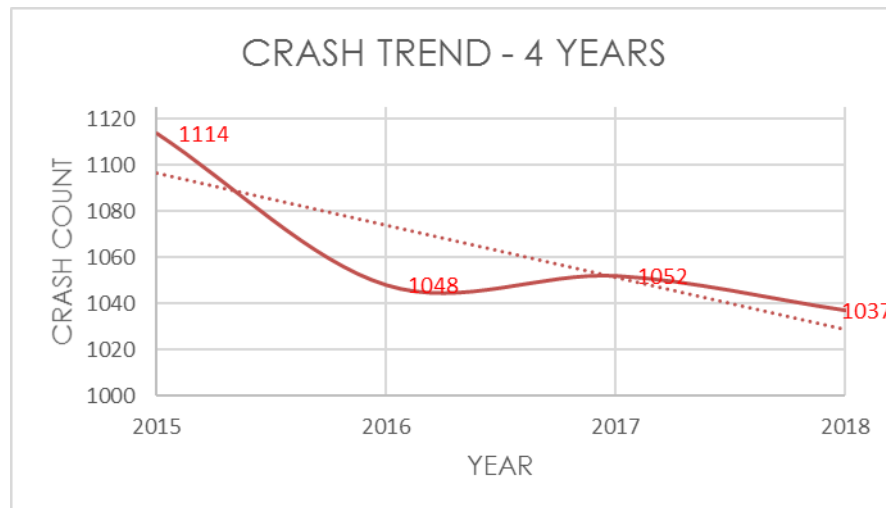
Motor Vehicle Collisions

In the 2018 calendar year, the “reportable” collisions taken by this agency totaled: 1037 crashes.

Out of the 1037 collisions reported the breakdown of type is as follows:

CRASH TYPE	
Non-Injury	788
Hit & Run	138
Fatal	1
Injury	127

Comparing the crash trend over the past several years is a standard measure when evaluating certain roadway factors or possible engineering changes. A look of the crash trend between 2015 – 2018 shows a decline and is most likely attributed to aggressive traffic enforcement, training and participating in funded grant periods.



Grant Participation

Distracted Driving

This grant opportunity was the second time Ocean County has been able to participate as a funded County. The results are as follows from a period between April 1 – 21:

You Text, You Drive, You Pay	
Cell Phone Summonses	22
Other Summonses	218
Arrests	1
Total Stops	864

2018 Click it or Ticket Seat Belt Mobilization

May 21 – June 3

Click It or Ticket	
Seatbelt Summonses	31
Other Summonses	216
Arrests	25
Total Stops	700

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – End Of year (Non-Funded)

12/7/2018 – 1/1/2019

Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over – End of year	
DWI	5

*The totals are for the entire agency not just the funded hours as all statistics are used when submitted to the State.

Engineering / Citizen Requests

Engineering

Throughout the year, several firms including but not limited to Ocean County Engineering and NJ DOT request information from the Traffic Unit in determining roadway changes or speed reductions. The Traffic Unit assists with data information, crash statistics and speed surveys in requested areas.

Planning Board

Communication between the Traffic Unit and the Planning Board is maintained. The purpose is to review upcoming projects specific to traffic control and provide any input regarding traffic flow or safety.

Citizen Requests

All traffic related complaints come through the Traffic Unit and are reviewed and followed up. A variety of items are utilized to address complaints by conducting traffic surveys, targeted enforcement details and the use of digital signboards equipped with radar and data gathering capabilities.

Over the course of 2018, numerous requests for speed reductions, surveys, sign requests and engineering changes are sent to the Traffic Unit. The Traffic Unit received more than 200 requests for said items.

Serving as one of three child passenger safety technicians, Stafford Police assisted with several Child Safety Events teaching parents and caregivers proper seat installation and best practices. Each event can range from 20 – 50 families contacted.

Motorcycle Unit

The Traffic Unit also supervises the Motorcycle Unit. The responsibilities range from normal patrol, parades, escorts, funerals and community policing activities.

Training and Future Development

The Traffic Safety Officer attended several conferences sponsored by the NJ Highway Traffic Safety, NJ Association of Accredited Accident Reconstructionists and the National Association of Accident Reconstructionists.

Each seminar focuses on a variety of topics ranging from live collision demonstrations to better understand dynamics in high speed collisions, occupant kinematics, aerial photography and many other methodologies utilized in crash reconstruction.

The department purchased its own Small Unmanned Aerial vehicle (SUAV) in 2018 and has been utilized on several types of missions including but not limited to locating a mentally handicapped juvenile after wandering away from his residence, over-watch during SWAT operations and mapping fatal collision scenes to secure officer safety and resume normal traffic patterns as quickly as possible.

As of this report, we are the only agency to utilize SUAV technology for collision mapping in the Ocean County area and have been requested by neighboring towns to assist with their collision mapping.

In closing, the Traffic Bureau continues to be an extremely busy portion of the Police Department and will continue to thrive by continued development and training.



TRAINING UNIT

The Stafford Police Department recognizes the importance of training. The Department strives to ensure both sworn and civilian police employees are provided with the knowledge and education to perform their service to the community in a professional and safe manner.

Training starts before a police officer is deployed to regular duties. All officers attend the New Jersey Police Training Commission's basic course, which is twenty-one weeks in length. During their time at the police academy, the recruit will receive instruction in various topics such as Constitutional Law, Ethics, State Law, Defensive Tactics, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Firearms, and Physical Fitness.

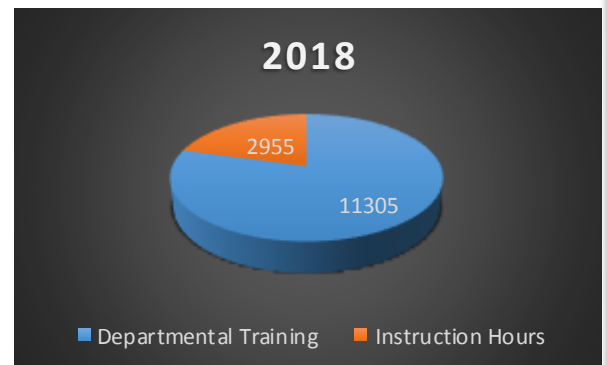
The next step in the training process after completion of the Academy is Field Training. The officer will learn the community, local ordinances, and appropriate departmental procedures. During the Field Training Program, the officer will work with veteran officers, referred to as Field Training Officers (FTOs). The field-training program lasts nine weeks.

The State of New Jersey requires all officers complete training each year, in areas such as vehicle pursuit, use of force, and domestic violence. In addition, the State mandates weapon qualifications semi-annually. In 2018, the training bureau scheduled 14,260 hours of training for Stafford Police Personnel.

In an attempt to provide the absolute best training to our officers, we develop instructors/experts in various law enforcement fields. In 2018, these instructors provided 2,955 hours of training to members of this agency as well as other law enforcement and community partners.

In 2018, the Training Bureau emphasized Civilian personnel training, including our Public Safety Telecommunicators (PST). They were provided with the most up to date training available. For the first time, our agency hosted two eight-hour training courses that were certified by the New Jersey - Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services (OETS).

Our agencies primary objective is to be one of the most prepared police department in the state, which should be evident by our continued commitment to training.



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



Introduction

The Stafford Township Police Communication Center is a twenty-four hour dispatch center, which answers emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the residents of Stafford Township. The center is staffed seven days a week with dedicated Public Safety Telecommunicators who are committed to meeting the needs of the community. Telecommunicators in the room operate telephonic and radio equipment in the receipt and transmission of calls for police, fire, and medical assistance as well as request for municipal services.

Mission statement

The mission of the Stafford Township Police Communication Center is to make an effective difference in the community by providing high-quality, professional and effective communications, and to ensure responder safety, while striving to save lives and protect property.

Core Values

- ♦ Teamwork
- ♦ Integrity
- ♦ Consistency
- ♦ Accountability
- ♦ Safety
- ♦ Respect/Trust
- ♦ Excellent Customer Service
- ♦ Professionalism

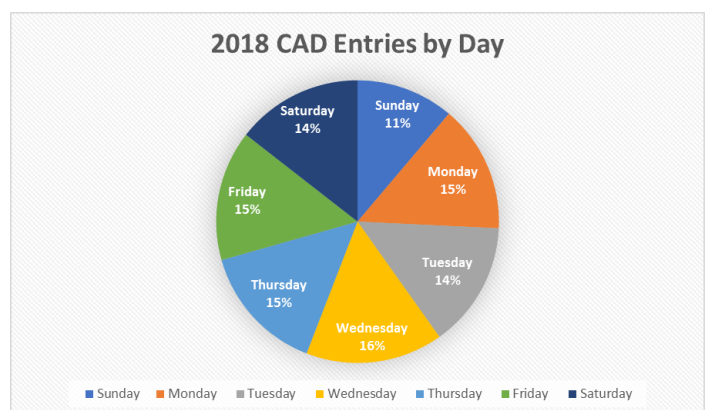
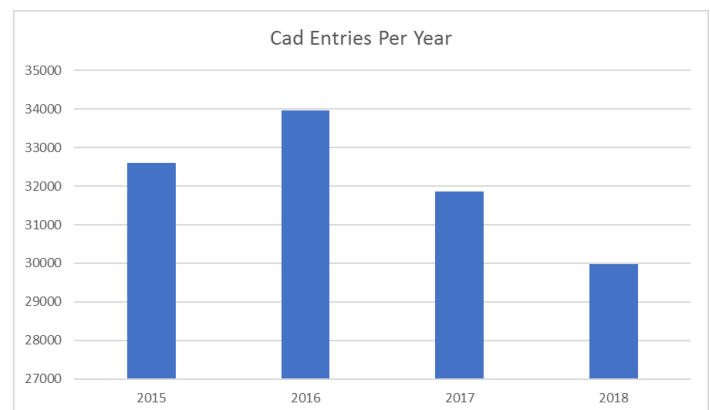
Calls Received/ CAD Entries

Medical Calls

2,133 For 2018

Fire Calls

450 For 2018



Training

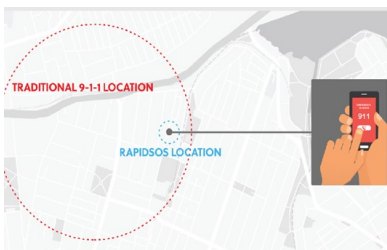
Stafford Township Police Dispatchers participated in yearly mandated Telecommunicator education courses to remain compliant with the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Telecommunicator Services requirements. In addition to this mandatory training, Stafford Township Police hosted two interagency training seminars which included members from the Lacey Township, Ocean Township, Little Egg Harbor, Long Beach Township, and Manchester Township communication centers. These interagency training seminars provided dispatchers the ability to come together and learn from one another gaining perspective and knowledge from others in the same profession. Topics included, general call-taking/call handling, stress management, cyberbullying, swatting, and a critical incident workshop. Training plays a big part in our commitment to strive for excellence, and as we continue to learn and grow, we continue to listen to the needs of the community and adapt to the changes within our society.



In an attempt to remain current and up to date with industry standards, the Stafford Township Communication center also attended the yearly NJ NENA convention. NENA (National Emergency Number Association) is an organization that is on the forefront of all emergency communications issues. The association serves its members and the greater public safety community as the only professional organization solely focused on 9-1-1 policy, technology, operations, and education issues. With more than 13,000 members in 48 chapters across the United States and around the globe, NENA promotes the implementation and awareness of 9-1-1, as well as international three-digit emergency communications systems.

Improvements

The Stafford Township Police Communication Center, in an effort to grow and strive into the future has implemented new technological and policy improvements to provide better service to the community. The first is the implementation of a Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement policy. This new QA/QI Policy reviews dispatchers call-taking and dispatching techniques and provides feedback to the employee allowing them to evaluate their performance. This type of review process ensures that each dispatcher is working to their full potential and also recognizes dispatcher who go above and beyond the call of service. The second advancement is the addition of a new computer program called Rapid SOS. This program gives dispatchers lifesaving data and can provide a location saving time and lives. When a citizen calls 9-1-1 from their apple or android cellular device the phone automatically sends location information to the Raid SOS clearing house. Dispatchers on the other end of the phone can log onto a site and draw an inquiry on that data to find a person's location and or track their location in an emergency situation. This feature is only available during a 9-1-1 call and can only be utilized in the most severe emergency situations. This service can help save the lives of those who are unable to speak during a 9-1-1 call or do not know their location due to unfamiliarity with the area or confusion.



It is advancements like these that truly define who we are and what we stand for as a Communication Center.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Introduction

The Stafford Township Police Department Community Policing Unit consists of all Community Relations, Crime Prevention, School Safety, and Youth programs. The goal of the Community Policing Unit is to proactively address the needs and concerns of Stafford residents, businesses, schools, religious organizations and civic/homeowner's associations. Through planning, facilitation and implementation of programs and initiatives that reach out to all of these facets of our community, we enable the ability to reduce crime and the fear of crime as we work together in our shared goal of enhancing the quality of life in Stafford Township.

Our Community Policing Unit strives to maintain a high level of involvement in our community, assisting with many community programs throughout the year such as large competitive endurance events (5ks, Triathlons, etc.), recreational sports leagues (youth sports), fundraising events, and community gatherings.

Community Policing programs in 2018 included our Youth Police Academy, National Night Out, On-POINT, Blue HART, Special Needs Registry, Cops & Kids, DARE, #NotEvenOnce, presentations to schools grades K-12, presentations to community groups, and Bike Patrol

Youth Police Academy



The 2018 Youth Police Academy was held the week of June 25- June 29. Thirty-One Cadets attended from Stafford Intermediate and Southern Regional Middle School. Our Youth Police Academy continues to draw out the best of the best from our school districts and continues to be a huge success with families and our school administrators. A key to our success is the excellent working relationship we have with our township's recreation department, who do much of the preparation leading up to that week and during the class. Topics of instruction included military drill, physical training, SWAT, K9, investigations, traffic, DWI enforcement, RADAR, and a visit to the N.J.S.P. Marine Unit as well as the US Coast Guard Station on LBI.

Citizens Police Academy

In 2018, we were pleased to announce the return of our acclaimed Citizens Police Academy. The course was held for 8 weeks, meeting at Police headquarters on Monday evenings. Ten students from ages 16 and up became familiarized with all aspects of our police department including our Patrol Division, Traffic Unit, Detective Bureau, Emergency Management, SWAT, K9, and Community Policing. Students must attend all sessions and complete a background check. This course is held to provide residents with a better understanding and comprehension of their local Law Enforcement agency as well as provide insight to those younger students who have an interest in a career in law enforcement.



Blue HART – A law enforcement initiative to save lives

The Blue HART (Heroin, Addiction, Recovery, and Treatment) program is a cooperative Law Enforcement Initiative to assist individuals with a substance abuse disorder. This program works directly with municipal police departments and treatment providers to assist Ocean County residents into treatment. Any person who voluntarily requests help with their addiction will receive screening to participate in the program.

32 applicants were processed into treatment facilities in 2018 in Stafford.

On P.O.I.N.T

The On P.O.I.N.T. (Proactive Outreach In Needs and Treatment) program is a partnership between the police department and Ocean Mental Health Services to provide on-site social workers in the police department two days per week. The program was developed to address the high volume of mental health, substance abuse and social service related calls and incidents that utilize a considerable volume of police and emergency resources. Current research indicates police officers respond to calls for service from the same individual/family on multiple occasions. Police officers restore peace, but they are not sufficiently trained to address the underlying cause of behavioral and mental health issues, therefore, are often forced to respond multiple times to the same address for crisis incidents. On P.O.I.N.T. is an innovative program and assists in providing early intervention to individuals who may otherwise engage in the criminal justice system, and/or become consumers of acute and emergency services. The police department has access to social workers from the On P.O.I.N.T program two days per week, with clinical oversight and supervision. The On P.O.I.N.T. program's impact reduces the use of acute and emergency services through the implementation of police-initiated social work intervention, in turn creating a new community culture of health and well-being.

In 2018, there were 88 referrals made by patrol officers to On POINT. Program Objectives include:

- ◆ Ongoing collaboration, training, education as well as needed support for police
- ◆ Reduction in the use of acute and emergency services
- ◆ Reduction in psychiatric and emergency room screenings via police transport
- ◆ Reduction in recurring crises that repeatedly absorb police and emergency resources
- ◆ On-going development of early intervention, pre-arrest and jail diversion programs
- ◆ Engaging community members to achieve stability and wellness

Special Needs Registry

The Stafford Township Special Needs Registry is for residents with special needs. This program was modeled after Monmouth County's Special Needs Registry. The registry is voluntary and free of charge. It is available to any resident with a special need that emergency responders should be aware of, including but not limited to, wheelchair-bound elderly residents; young children with autism; military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); insulin dependent diabetics or persons with severe allergies to bee stings.

The program is simple and easy to use. Once a resident completes the special needs questionnaire, the Police Department will flag the registrant's name and address in our Computer Aided Dispatch system. When a call is received from the address, police dispatchers will receive notification that a special needs person may be present at the home. The dispatchers will then inform the officer of special needs that may be present. Special Needs registrants are also provided with decals to affix to their homes and vehicles if they so desire. The presence of a decal on a vehicle will alert the police officer to the possible presence of a special needs registrant in the vehicle or in the home upon arriving at a scene. The program is completely confidential, and residents can opt out at any time. The information provided to the Special Needs Registry is restricted to first responders with a need to be aware of the information.



Cops & Kids

In a partnership with Stafford Recreations' Municipal Alliance and the Walters Group, the Cops & Kids program continued in 2018. This program focuses on developing a mentorship with our youth through encouraging recreational outside activities with members of our police department. One of these events was held at the Stafford Park Apartment Complex on 5/2/18 with 50-100 children in attendance.

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

National Night Out was held at the Manahawkin Lake Park on Tuesday August 7, 2018. Activities included live music, face painting, police demonstrations by K9 and SWAT, Stafford Police, Stafford Fire and Stafford EMS static vehicle displays, bounce houses, food trucks and vendors.



DARE

The Community Policing Unit is very proactive in all of our school districts, both public and private. The Stafford Township Police Department is proud to continue our partnership with DARE, which is an international leader in Drug Prevention School Based Programs for over four decades. The bulk of our DARE instruction is made to Grade 5 (400 students) at Stafford Intermediate, where DARE is embedded in the school's master scheduling as a Special (like music, art, etc.) each marking period. We are present at Stafford Intermediate every Tuesday and Thursday morning, from the first week of school to the last. We also bring DARE to the All Saints Regional Catholic School (45 students). The ten-week block of instruction focuses on decision making, which is a recurring aspect of each of the 10 lessons. The culmination of the DARE program is DARE Day, a celebration of the



students' graduation from DARE and a day to consider positive role models in their lives, their schools, and their community.

In addition to the 5th grade DARE curriculum, presentations were made to grades K-12 on Halloween Safety, Bicycle Safety (including a Bike Rodeo at Ocean Acres Elementary for grades 1 & 2), Social Media & Internet Safety, Drug Prevention to Grades 7 & 8, DWI at SRHS, and Stranger Danger.

Project AWARE

Project Aware, a New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) State recognized award winning drug prevention program, is a collaborative effort by many in the Stafford Community. This not only includes the school staff and students, but community organizations and businesses. The community involvement includes Southern Ocean Medical Center, the emergency room staff at Southern Ocean Medical Center, the Stafford Municipal Alliance, Stafford Township First Aid Squad, and the Stafford Township Police Department. The students portray a story that can play out in today's world involving peer pressure, social media, drugs, alcohol, and death. Through role-play, a hospital field trip, and follow-up debriefing, the students experience the consequences of making bad choices and discover their power to make good choices.

Project Aware is presented in the spring to all sixth graders at Stafford Intermediate School and All Saints Regional Catholic School – approximately 400 students total. It is presented in small groups over several days. The script is reviewed and updated every year to remain current. When writing the script for the party scene, the staff and students discuss what would be relevant to them. Students are surveyed after the Project Aware culminating assembly and the results are used to adjust the program for the following year.

In 2018, R.N. Ken Rodenbaugh from the Emergency Department of the Southern Ocean Medical Center made huge efforts in expanding Project AWARE statewide. With grants obtained with Hackensack-Meridian's support, we were able to facilitate a "Train the Trainer" Project AWARE course at the STAC. Police, EMS, Medical personnel and educators from Lacey, Barnegat, Berkley, Little Egg Harbor and Toms River participated.

#NotEvenOnce

The Stafford Township Police Department continued instructing #NotEvenOnce in 2018. This interactive course is a collaborative effort between law enforcement and educators with the goal of informing students about the dangers of opiates before they leave for college or enter the work force. This program, which meets all of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for health classes, is taught to students during their senior year of high school. The ultimate goal behind this program is to educate students about opiate abuse and give them the tools they need to make better decisions.

In 2018, three additional officers were certified as instructors. #NotEvenOnce was instructed to all SRHS and MATES 12th grade students.



School Resource Officer Program

Our SRO is responsible for the planning, facilitation and implementation of programs and initiatives that reach out to school administration, faculty, students, staff, parents, and community members. Our SROs' purpose is to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the school environment, investigate all crimes and police matters on school grounds, provide guidance, instruction, and response within and around the schools, and assisting school staff with maintaining a safe environment. Through long-term partnerships, we have successfully created a relationship with our school populations that is unrivaled by neighboring communities. Our SRO continues to work closely with school administrators during monthly security drills to ensure our school's staff, faculty, and students are prepared for emergency crises.

Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO)

In an effort to provide a safe and secure educational environment for NJ schools, the state passed a law adding a new classification to the SLEO statute that designates a "Class III" SLEO exclusive for schools. Class III's must be retired Law Enforcement Officers in good standing and must meet all requirements of Police Officer. Upon the passing of this bill, the Stafford Township Police Department and the Southern Regional School District came to an agreement to deploy four Class III SLEOs on campus. Our four Class III's for the 2018/2019 school year are comprised of two retired Stafford Township Police Officers, one Beach Haven Police Officer, and one Long Beach Township Police Officer. These officers provide a welcomed law enforcement presence in all Southern Regional schools. Their daily interaction with the Southern Regional community has been welcomed by both staff and students.

Bike Patrol

In 2018, our Bike Unit provided extra patrols in our waterfront communities during the summer months, and were assigned to all large community gatherings and events, particularly Founder's Day, Fall Fest, Irish Festival, Maker's Fest, Bridgewalk, and Hooked on Fishing. The unit continued proactive educational programs including a one week Bike Safety & Fitness Camp in the summer of 2018 for children ages 9-16, and Bike Patrol Instruction for the Ocean County Police Academy Class I Satellite Course held in Beach Haven, NJ.



RECORDS BUREAU

The records bureau maintains records of all incidents and arrests documented by the Stafford Township Police Department. The unit is comprised of dedicated civilian employees who consistently maintain a high level of service to our internal and external customers and produce a high-quality product.

Records Bureau Responsibilities:

- ◆ Processing police-related data requests
- ◆ Processing employee and volunteer background checks
- ◆ Processing all criminal and civil discovery requests
- ◆ Gather all relevant reports and data for Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests.
- ◆ Compiling monthly Statistics
- ◆ Document and submit all Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR)

Calls for Service	2017	2018
Accidents - Traffic	1,177	1,195
Alarms	1,499	1,299
Criminal Mischief	154	113
Criminal Sexual Contact	5	4
Disorderly Conduct	20	41
Drug Incidents	195	356
Domestic Violence	282	286
DWI	81	52
Escorts	348	339
Forgery	4	5
Fraud	139	122
Harassment	215	158
Liquor Laws	0	0
Medical Assistance	2,041	2,183
Fire Calls	463	446
Missing Persons	46	56
Municipal Ordinance	25	11
School Crossing	11	22
Shoplifting	72	82
Stolen Property	5	18
Suspicious Auto	487	417
Suspicion Persons	429	437
Traffic Stops	14,300	12,649
Trespassing	65	62
Warrant Arrests	402	204

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is official data on crime in the United States, published annually by the FBI.

The UCR indexes report incidents in two categories: violent crimes and property crimes. Aggravated Assault, Forcible Rape, Murder, and Robbery are classified as violent crimes. Arson, Burglary, Larceny/Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft are classified as property crimes.

Part 1 Crimes	2017	2018
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	2	2
Assault	64	64
Burglary	15	16
Larceny - Theft	192	166
MV Thefts	9	5
Arson	4	1
TOTAL	287	263

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Internal Affairs

The Stafford Township Police Department Internal Affairs Unit accepts, reviews, and responds to all complaints against police officers received from the public or from within the organization. Citizen complaints may be made in person, by telephone, fax, internet, or through the mail. These include anonymous complaints, complaints from third party witnesses, juveniles and complaints from parties not directly involved in the incident from which an allegation arises. All allegations are carried to their logical conclusion by experienced and trained investigators.

The investigative process assesses the propriety of all on or off duty conduct during the incident in which the alleged misconduct occurred. If during the course of an investigation there is an indication that misconduct occurred other than that alleged, the investigator examines the additional potential misconduct to its logical conclusion.

Disciplinary Process

In any given year, officers of the Stafford Township Police Department are involved in thousands of citizen contacts. Many are routine and many involve critical situations. The Internal Affairs Unit is tasked with handling complaints from the public regarding officer conduct, as well as rare allegations of criminal conduct by department members.

During 2018, no criminal charges were filed against an officer of the agency.

Allegations and Outcomes

All complaints are categorized based on the alleged offense. Upon the completion of the investigation, it is reviewed by the Chief of Police and is designated with one of the following dispositions:

Exonerated: The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the officer violated a provision of the agency's rules and regulations or procedures.

Not sustained: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.

Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.

Internal Affairs Allegations/Dispositions (2017)

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total
Excessive	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential	0	0	0	1	0	1
Demeanor	0	1	0	0	0	1
Domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule	3	1	1	0	0	5
Total	3	2	1	1	0	7

Internal Affairs Allegations/Dispositions (2018)

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal	0	0	0	1	0	1
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	0	0	1	0	2

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The primary function of the Detective Bureau is to conduct follow-up investigations of reported crimes. These investigations may include interviews with suspects, victims, and witnesses, as well as collection and analysis of evidence.

In 2018, The Stafford Township Police Department's Detective Bureau is comprised of a Lieutenant, a Detective Sergeant, three Investigative Detectives, three Drug Enforcement Detectives, and one Identification Officer. The Identification Officer handles crime scene forensics and evidence collection and retention.

General

The Investigative Detectives handle a variety of offenses requiring specialized training in order to develop expertise in areas such as Arson, Sex Crimes, Computer Crimes, Fraud, Homicide, Financial Crimes, Interview and Interrogation, Crimes against Persons, Crimes against Property, and Crimes against Animals.

During 2018, the Detectives were assigned 151 cases. Of the 151 cases, 141 cases were investigated. The clearance rate of cases for the general assignment detectives in 2018 was 69%. Cases that are considered cleared are cases that were either solved, or solved but no charges were issued.

In addition to the aforementioned cases, the Detective Bureau also handles all of the Firearms Investigations. In 2018, the Firearms unit processed 871 Firearms Identification Cards and Permits to Purchase.

The Detective Bureau also handles the Registration and Community Notification requirements for Offenders subject to Megan's Law. There are currently 23 Megan's Law offenders registered in our jurisdiction. In 2018, two offenders were charged with violations of Megan's Law.

Investigative Highlights

On January 9, 2018, the Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau investigated an incident in which the Ichiban Chinese Buffet was burglarized. An unknown subject cut the cable and telephone wires, disabling the alarm. The subject then spent an extended amount of time outside of the building before he gained entry through a locked roof access and stole a large quantity of cash. Investigation revealed multiple incidents throughout the state matching the modus operandi (MO) and description of the subject. The male subject was eventually identified. A search warrant was executed at his residence and he subsequently admitted to over 75 commercial burglaries throughout the state. He was charged with 76 counts of Burglary and various other charges in Ocean, Atlantic, Burlington, Monmouth, Camden, and Mercer Counties.

On January 18, 2018, the Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau investigated a Bank Robbery at the Chase Bank located at 447 Martin Truex Jr. Blvd. During this incident, a male subject entered the bank and handed the teller a note. His head and body were covered and he was wearing glasses. He left with an undisclosed amount of money. Additionally, on January 26th, 2018, a second Bank Robbery occurred at the Wells Fargo Bank located at 297 Route 72. This robbery appeared to be committed by the same male suspect. The subjects were tracked to Atlantic City and New York City before eventually being arrested in New York City. The two men were charged with six counts of Interstate Bank Robbery and other Federal Charges.

On May 10, 2018, the Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau initiated a warrant for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and Failure to Report Change of Address as a Sex Offender. The Offender fled the area and mailed several letters to the police department as well as the Stafford Township Court, taunting the police and giving notice that he was living somewhere in Southeast Asia and would never be caught. US Customs was contacted who authorized a flag on subject's passport. A few weeks later, the US Marshals advised that the subject had altered his passport and flew to Hong Kong and Cambodia. Contact was then made with the US State Department, who then contacted law enforcement officials in Cambodia. The subject was arrested by Cambodian officials and turned over to the US Marshals, who transported him back to the United States. The subject was logged in the Ocean County Jail in lieu of the no bail warrant issued out of Stafford Township for Megan's Law Violations.

On June 5, 2018, the Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau investigated an incident in which a male subject stole two purses from a private office in the Holiday Inn. The male subject then located keys in the purse and stole the victim's vehicle as well. The vehicle was tracked to Forked River, where it was discovered that the suspect had stolen a new set of license plates for the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was eventually located at a bus terminal in Lakewood, NJ. The actor was eventually located and confessed to stealing the vehicle. He was charged with Motor Vehicle Theft, Burglary, and Criminal Mischief.

On September 24, 2018, the Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau investigated an incident of Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault and multiple weapons offenses. The victim contacted the Stafford Township Police Department and reported that she was being held at gunpoint by her husband. The victim was able to escape from her husband, and subsequent investigation led to his arrest. Search Warrants were executed for the suspect's home and vehicle, which multiple firearms were recovered. The victim's husband was charged with 1st Degree Kidnapping, 2nd Degree Aggravated Assault, and multiple weapons offenses.

The Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau assisted the Stafford Township Animal Control Unit with the investigation of a Title 4 Animal Cruelty complaint. During this investigation, a search warrant led to the recovery of 74 endangered animals. The owner of these animals was the first person in Ocean County to be charged under the new Animal Cruelty Guidelines. She was charged with 76 counts of Title 4 Animal Cruelty.

On November 2, 2018, the Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau began the investigation in to the disappearance of 76-year-old dementia patient from the Manahawkin Nursing and Rehab Center. The male resident was able to escape the facility through an unlocked stairwell door. Multiple agencies and resources were secured in an attempt to locate the subject. Grid and K-9 searches were conducted over the next several weeks. Multiple tips and leads were investigated. This case is still open and the subject has yet to be found.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Stafford Township Drug Enforcement Unit or DEU is comprised of experienced law enforcement professionals with narcotic expertise. The goal of the DEU is to be a proactive narcotic detection unit with the specific goal of investigating and arresting individuals for the acts of possession and or distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances in Stafford Township. The DEU is committed to reducing the flow of narcotics as well as arresting and successfully prosecuting violators using such methods as surveillance, concerned citizen complaints, anonymous tips, confidential informants and undercover operations.

The Detectives have extensive specialized training and experience in all aspects of narcotic investigation. The duties of DEU investigators include advanced surveillances, investigative techniques, interview and interrogation of suspects, affidavit and search warrant preparation as well as confidential informant development and usage.

The Stafford Township Drug Enforcement Unit responsibilities include:

- ◆ Narcotics related investigations.
- ◆ The detection, identification and arrest of person(s) involved in the use or sale of narcotics.
- ◆ Seizure and forfeiture of assets derived from illicit drug traffic.
- ◆ Develop and maintain an intelligence database of, but not limited to, narcotic information.
- ◆ Provide assistance to patrol on any investigative matters
- ◆ Confidential Informant development and maintenance.
- ◆ Affidavit and search warrant preparation and execution.
- ◆ Identification of gang members and their activity.

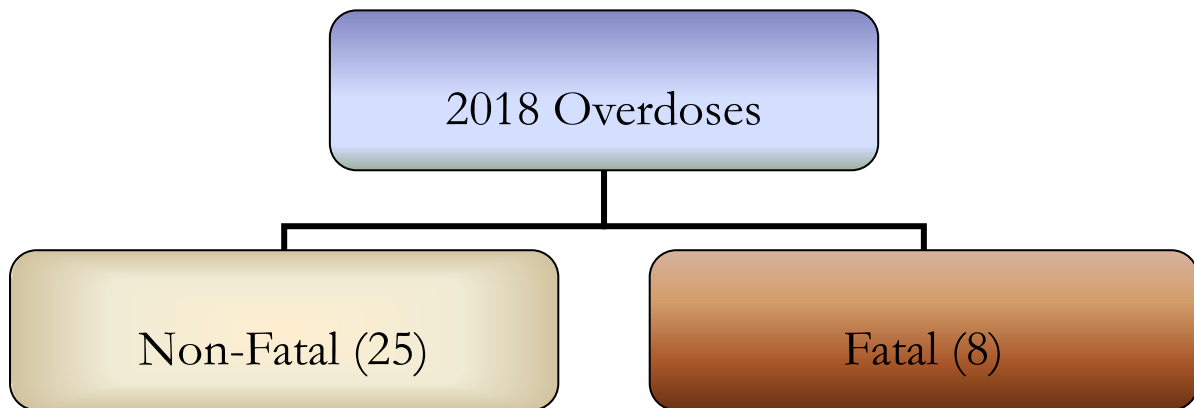
CASE DEVELOPMENT

During the calendar year of 2018, the DEU developed over 60 cases. The cases were the result of anonymous tips, concerned citizen complaints, proactive surveillance, confidential informants, information gleaned from other cases as well as information from other police agencies. The patrol division of the Stafford Township Police Department is essential in providing information and suspects to the DEU. All the cases were investigated to their logical conclusion resulting in arrests, documentation of targets and furthering the database for information, which can be used later. Where it was necessary, some cases were closed due to a lack of fruitful evidence or information to implicate certain targets.



In 2017, Stafford Twp. Police Dept. implemented the Blue Hart Program to combat the Heroin epidemic. The "Blue HART" program allows substance abusers to turn themselves and their product in at any participating police headquarters, in order to go to addiction services providers for treatment evaluation without any threat of charges or jail.

In 2018 the Stafford Twp. Patrol Division responded to (32) Blue Hart calls for service.



<u>2018</u>	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>Fatal</u>
<u>January</u>	4	0
<u>February</u>	1	0
<u>March</u>	5	0
<u>April</u>	3	2
<u>May</u>	3	1
<u>June</u>	1	1
<u>July</u>	0	1
<u>August</u>	0	1
<u>September</u>	1	0
<u>October</u>	3	2
<u>November</u>	4	0
<u>December</u>	0	0

SIGNIFICANT CASES

During the calendar year of 2018, the DEU unit generated cases in Stafford Township resulting in 41 narcotic related arrests, with 87 narcotic charges. The arrests and charges range from possession of narcotics, possession with intent to distribute narcotics. From the cases generated the degree of the charges range anywhere from disorderly person's offenses to first-degree criminal charges.

Case 1:



For several months, the DEU assisted the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and other law enforcement agencies in an investigation titled, "Operation Heading Back". The investigation led to the arrests of over 30 subjects, including many from southern Ocean County. Nearly \$850,000 in cash, several vehicles worth more than \$700,000, 20 loaded firearms, including an AK 47, and large amounts of heroin, cocaine, pills and marijuana were seized in 33 locations around the state in the largest drug bust ever to originate in Ocean County,

"I extend the highest praise to my Special Operations Group, as well as every member of the operation," former Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph Coronato said. "The courage and resourcefulness they displayed in working to identify and arrest those charged is truly an outstanding testament to their dedication and commitment to protect our citizens."

"I want to commend the law enforcement officers who made 'Operation Heading Back' a tremendous success we should all be proud of," said former Congressman Thomas MacArthur, who is the co-chair of the House Bipartisan Heroin Task Force. "If it weren't for the excellent multi-jurisdictional efforts, these illegal drugs, weapons, and criminals would have poured into our communities and destroyed people's lives and their families."

"The Law Enforcement Officer's efforts saved lives and I remain grateful for all they do on a daily basis to protect our community," MacArthur said.

Case 2:

During the month of March, the DEU made several controlled purchases of heroin from two known heroin dealers in Beach Haven West. The DEU applied for a search warrant on a 2007 Ford Explorer used during the commission of the crimes. With search warrant in hand, the DEU observed this vehicle enter onto the Garden State Parkway southbound and respond to the Atlantic City area for what we believed to acquire an amount of heroin. After approximately one hour of waiting in the New Gretna State Police Barracks parking lot, DEU observed the vehicle traveling northbound and we followed them to Exit 63. Shortly after exiting onto Route 72 east, the DEU conducted a motor vehicle stop in the Spirits Liquors Store parking lot.

During the investigation, the driver, and two passengers were arrested on various drug charges.

As a result of the search, approximately two bricks of heroin and less than one ounce of cocaine was located and recovered.

Case 3:

After a six-month long investigation, and several controlled purchases at a local residence, the DEU along with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Special Operations Group, and the Ocean County SWAT Team executed a search warrant for two subjects selling narcotics.

As a result of the search, approximately one ounce of crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was located at the home resulting in the arrest of the two subjects. Furthermore, the DEU seized a 2015 Jeep Wrangler valued over \$25,000.00.

Surveillance

Surveillance is a large part of the DEU's function. Tips and anonymous information received cannot be relied upon on face value. The information must be corroborated in order to be substantiated and unbiased. Most cases in their infancy start out as a tip or neighborhood complaint. Various surveillance techniques are then employed. If the information from the initial complaint matches, the information gained during surveillance, a surveillance report is generated. This is the initial probable cause used to further the investigation. In 2018, the DEU participated in over **700** hours of surveillance. These surveillances ranged from suspected drug deals to neighborhood vandalism. A typical surveillance can range anywhere from a two hour activity to an entire shift.

Confidential Informants

Concerned citizens frequently call the DEU giving valuable information on CDS related cases, thefts and anonymous tips. Many times tips from anonymous sources and concerned citizens contribute to the DEU's overall success. The DEU strives to follow up all information that pertains to CDS activity no matter how insignificant it may seem at the time, we view the trust and help of the public as an invaluable source of information. Anyone with information concerning drug dealing are encouraged to share that information with your police department.

Search Warrants

During the calendar year 2018, the DEU authored several search warrants for controlled dangerous substances. In addition, the DEU conducted numerous searches of motor vehicles resulting in several narcotic related arrests. The DEU assisted Ocean County SOG, Barnegat Township, Little Egg Harbor, Lacey Twp., Atlantic City Drug Task Force, Atlantic City Prosecutors Office and Ship Bottom Township in the execution of additional search warrants. All search warrants and consent searches were professionally and thoroughly executed without incident.

Other Activities

The DEU has assisted the following agencies in narcotics investigations:

- ◆ The Ocean County Special Operations Group
- ◆ The Stafford Township Police Department Patrol Division
- ◆ The Stafford Township Police Department Detective Bureau
- ◆ The Barnegat Township Police Department
- ◆ The Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department
- ◆ The Ocean Township Police Department
- ◆ The Toms River Police Department
- ◆ The Galloway Police Department
- ◆ The Pleasantville Police Department
- ◆ The Atlantic City Drug Task Force
- ◆ The Atlantic City Prosecutors Office.
- ◆ The Brick Township Police Department

General Information

It is our goal to eradicate narcotic activity in Stafford Township. Search and seizure case law is constantly changing. Today's narcotics detectives have to have a working knowledge of new case law and be able to quickly adapt to changing scenarios.

The Stafford Township DEU will continue to be vigilant, effecting arrests, building cases and reducing the flow of drug traffic in our community.

The DEU has built a productive working relationship with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office and has had their support on many investigations. We have also built strong ties in Little Egg Harbor Township and Barnegat Township along with several Atlantic County agencies. We know it will take a cooperative effort on the part of our surrounding towns and agencies in order to make a difference. The DEU will continue to reach out to other agencies for assistance and offer any help we can provide to them. We look forward to the work ahead in 2019.

Seizure Totals

\$49,997.98 DOLLARS

PBA

Each year the Stafford Township PBA holds numerous fundraisers designed to give back to the community. In 2018, the PBA raised and donated in excess of \$128,000 to local charities, youth and high school sports teams, families who lost their homes due to tragedy, residents suffering from cancer and other devastating illnesses, and other good will. The PBA in conjunction with the Stafford Township Recreation Department holds an annual toy and coat drive. In 2018, we donated gifts, clothing, toys, and holiday dinners through the toy drive that gave assistance to 218 families in need within Stafford Township. In 2019, Stafford PBA donated a record high \$35,000 in scholarships that were awarded to Southern Regional High School Students. The following fundraisers are the primary means of raising funds for the PBA:

The Stafford Township PBA letter drive: Each year the PBA sends out a mailer to all Stafford Township residents, where residents can send in a donation in any amount to help support the PBA.

The Stafford Township Golf Outing is held at Sea Oaks every summer. The PBA raises money through foursomes who sign up to golf as well as prizes that are donated by businesses within Manahawkin and then raffled off at the dinner.



The Stafford Township PBA Manahopkin Craft Beer and Music Festival, which is held every August at the Manahawkin Lake Park. This event fully funds the Winter Coat and Toy Drive as well as contributes to Scholarship Awards for the following spring. The event features live music, over 50 craft beers from 25 local breweries, many food trucks, craft vendors, as well as activities for the children. Admission to the festival is free, opened to the public and works on donations.

The Stafford PBA Striped Bass Fishing Tournament is another big fundraiser held every November. Last year we had 100 boats sign up with a cash prize of nearly \$10,000 going to the boat with the biggest striped bass. Each Boat pays an entry fee and the fish that is caught is cooked at the awards banquet that is opened to the public. The banquet also features a silent auction of many different prizes that are donated by businesses in the community.

Because of the above events and the generosity of our community partners, the PBA was able raise a substantial amount of money that went directly back into the community in 2018.





STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT





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- ♦ Twitter
- ♦ Facebook
- ♦ Instagram
- ♦ Code Red

